

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Please cancel Claims 3 and 6 to 9, without prejudice, add new Claim 11, and amend the claims as shown below:

1. (Currently Amended) A hydrophobic, pyrogenically produced silica, having a tamped density of 55 to 200 g/l and which is hydrophobicized by reaction with a halogen-free silane and compacted by a roller compactor or by a belt filter press.

2. (Original) The hydrophobic pyrogenically produced silica according to claim 1 having a tamped density of 60 to 200 g/l.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) The hydrophobic, pyrogenically produced silica according to claim [[4]] 1 wherein said silica has a chloride content of less than or equal to 100 ppm.

5. (Currently Amended) A process for the production of the hydrophobic, pyrogenically produced silica as claimed in claim 1, comprising hydrophobizing pyrogenically produced silica by reaction with a halogen-free silane and then compacting said silica with a roller compactor or by a belt filter press.

6.-9. (Cancelled)

10. (Original) A dispersion of a hydrophobic, pyrogenically produced silica produced by the process of claim 5.

11. (New) A method of making a dispersion comprising dispersing the hydrophobic, pyrogenically produced silica of claim 1 in an organic solvent.